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VANCE BLALOCK, 5708 Boutall Street, Metairie, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

BLALOCK viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, after which he stated he was certain OSWALD was identical to the individual whom he conversed with briefly at the Cuban Student Directorate (CSD), 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. BLALOCK advised that he and a friend, PHILIP GERACI, went to the CSD to inquire about its activities as he had heard it was an anti-CASTRO Cuban student organization. BLALOCK advised that when he and GERACI arrived at the CSD, located at the Casa Roca Store, 107 Decatur Street, they talked with a CARLOS BRINGIUS (phonetic) who seemed to be the leader of the CSD. While discussing the purposes and activities of the CSD, an individual whom BLALOCK identified as being OSWALD arrived at the store. BLALOCK recalls OSWALD inquiring about the CSD and expressing an interest to become a member and to learn all he could about the organization.

BLALOCK advised that he and his friend, GERACI, had a brief conversation with OSWALD, regarding guerrilla operations. OSWALD informed BLALOCK that he was a former Marine; that he had a Marine Guide Book which he had read and in which he learned all about guerrilla operations and tactics. BLALOCK recalls OSWALD describing to him how easy it would be to derail a train. OSWALD told him that this could be accomplished by securing a chain with a lock and wrapping it around railroad tracks. BLALOCK also recalls OSWALD mentioning that he knew how to blow up bridges and also he knew how to make gun powder and a "ZIP" gun. In addition, OSWALD mentioned that he knew all about guns but BLALOCK could not recall the exact details of what was discussed on the subject of guns.

BLALOCK advised that his conversation with OSWALD lasted probably about fifteen minutes, and that OSWALD never discussed Communism, Marxism or any other political philosophy. OSWALD appeared to him as being well educated and well read. Just prior to OSWALD leaving, he promised BLALOCK and GERACI that in the near future he would let them borrow his Guide Book for Marines in which

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they could obtain all the information they wanted regarding guerrilla warfare. The last thing BLALOCK could recall regarding his conversation with OSWALD was OSWALD mentioning the new M-14 rifle which OSWLAD described to BLALOCK and informing BLALOCK that most of the Armed Services had this gun at the present time. Finally, BLALOCK stated he recalls OSWALD making some reference to Florida, but could furnish no details regarding comments OSWALD made in this regard. BLALOCK seemed to remember OSWALD mentioning something about him recently visiting the Casa Nostra (phonetic) a Cuban organization in Florida, but his recollection was vague regarding further details in this matter.

BLALOCK stated that he has not seen OSWALD since his brief meeting with OSWALD in the latter part of July, 1963, and could furnish no additional information of any kind regarding OSWALD.